

# MACDONALD CI

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: November 24, 2021

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Virtual Video Conference

Facilitator: Sunila Akbar

Minutes Recorder: Aleka Kentros

### In Attendance

Sunila Akbar, Chair	Line Brassard, ACL Guid	Matteo Maceirinha
Helen Vokas, Principal	Annette Fong, CiCs	Joanna Papefthimiou
Laura Pagnotta, Vice Principal	Gino Colangelo, Student	Dung Vy
Clenton Morrison, Vice Principal	Helen Karaoulis	Yung Tran
Aleka Kentros, Secretary	Maria Kalamaras	Wendy Yamamoto Smith
Tina Smilis, Treasurer	Hrushikesh Kulkarni	Nancy Whitley
Gina Yang, Member at Large	Aarya K	

### Welcome and Introductions

We begin our meetings with the Land Acknowledgement.

Chair: Sunila Akbar

Secretary: Aleka Kentros

Treasurer: Tina Smilis

Member at Large: Gina Yang

### Principal's Update: Amendment to the minutes:

Budget: \$238,857.00 an increase of \$56, 857, however not back up to pre-pandemic levels.

We received confirmation last week that we will be pivoting to a regular semester model for semester 2. More information will be forthcoming as we meet with the TDSB executive and we will communicate the structure of the day and other timelines.

Vaccination clinic took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, not a high turnout because we have a high rate of vaccinated persons in our community. We will continue to cooperate with Toronto Public Health and have additional vaccine clinics as requested.

The self testing kits announced by the Ministry have not arrived at the school yet, but as soon as they arrive, we will distribute. A reminder that we do have student testing kits available at the school that were provided by Sick Kids.

The TDSB has made a decision to require all students aged 12+ to be fully vaccinated to participate in winter sports (e.g. basketball, ice hockey, swimming, etc.). Specifically, this vaccination requirement applies to sports/teams that involve competition between schools, mixing of students and travel to other TDSB schools and/or external venues. For students participating in sports that occur only within their school and only with students from their school, vaccination is recommended but not required at this time.

### **Vice Principals' Reports:**

Vice-Principal Laura Pagnotta: There will be a survey sent out to parents about students being able to switch to virtual or in person. The Student Activity Fee of \$50.00 can be paid by School Cash Online and covers the cost of the yearbook, SAC card and subsidizes activities and events happening at school. The EQAO grade 9 Math test will be for week 1 students on January 19th and January 20th and week 2 students January 24th and January 25th. Only students that are in person will write the test. A google form will be going out for all grade 12 students that are graduating and for scholarships since commencement will happen June 2022. There is a specific timeline to apply for the scholarships.

Vice-Principal Clenton Morrison: Parent/teacher interviews were a success. TPH has given the go ahead for lockers, hopefully students will be given lockers by next Monday. Midterm report cards were distributed November 19,2021 if any questions or concerns , parents can reach out to their child's teacher. Graduation photos will be happening December 13-17th. Students were provided with a code to book an appointment on-line. The school office has a few locks for students to purchase, it will be on a first come basis as there is limited supply.

Athletics Update by student Gino Colangelo: Informed parent council about all the different intramural sports, teams and clubs that are happening at MAC such as volleyball, badminton, basketball, hockey, table tennis. As well as the Wellness Wednesdays that take place after school each week is different and involves arts and crafts, workouts and mindfulness sessions.

### **OCAS/OUAC Presentation : Line Brassard, Assistant Curriculum Leader Guidance**

Students are able to access information in google classrooms, post secondary presentations were made to all grade 12 classes. In order to graduate , students are required to fulfill 20 hours of volunteer work. There are some events at the school that students can volunteer for that will count towards their hours.

### **New Business School**

School Council is allocated \$1000 that can be used for parent engagement. Please let us know if you have any ideas for a presentation either for February or April 2022.

Question: About increasing capacity in the cafeteria and students eating lunch on the floor?

Principal Vokas informed us that the capacity limits are set by TPH and TPH will have to let us know if and when that can be increased. TDSB follows the recommendations of Toronto Public Health. The admin team does walk around the hallways during lunch and the caretakers are doing a great job keeping the floors clean for the students.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- January 26, 2022
- March 30, 2022
- May 25, 2022

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.